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UPDATE: PROJECT CEASEFIRE
**INDEPENDENCE MAN, KC MAN PLEAD GUILTY
TO ILLEGALLY POSSESSING FIREARMS**

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that two individuals pleaded guilty in federal court today, in separate and unrelated cases, to illegally possessing firearms. Today's guilty pleas are part of Project Ceasefire, the district's ongoing anti-crime initiative.

* **Andrew Brown**, 41, of Kansas City, waived his right to a grand jury and pleaded guilty before U.S. Magistrate Judge Robert Larson this afternoon to a charge contained in a federal information.

By pleading guilty, **Brown** admitted that he was in possession of an Italian-made .22 caliber four-shot derringer pistol on Jan. 13, 2005. Under federal statutes, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Brown** has 2004, 1999, and 1998 criminal felony convictions for possession of a controlled substance.

Under federal law, Graves explained, Brown may be subject to a sentence of up to 10 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$250,000.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Stefan C. Hughes. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* **Adam S. Greer**, 18, of Independence, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Gary A. Fenner this afternoon to illegally possessing a stolen firearm.

By pleading guilty, **Greer** admitted that he was in possession of a stolen Intrac Arms firearm on Feb. 9, 2004. Under federal statutes, Graves explained, it is illegal for a person to

possess a stolen firearm.

Greer was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Aug. 13, 2004, in Kansas City.

Under federal law, Graves explained, **Greer** may be subject to a maximum sentence of up to 10 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$250,000.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Christina Y. Tabor. It was investigated by the Independence, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Project Ceasefire

Project Ceasefire, launched in October 1999, is a cooperative initiative by federal and local law enforcement and the Kansas City Crime Commission that targets for federal prosecution persons who unlawfully use or possess firearms.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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